

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 940

By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Wade Tucker upon his induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding professionals and volunteers who have been selected for induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional sports officials; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Coach John Tucker, who devoted more than four decades of his career to the education and instruction of young students and athletes; on February 27, 2004, Coach Tucker will be inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, founded to honor the outstanding achievement of Tennesseans in the realm of sports, the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame is a statewide nonprofit organization that evinces the memory of the careers of such individuals and provides a permanent Hall of Fame for the display of mementos commemorating their contributions; and

WHEREAS, Coach Tucker led the Milan High School Bulldogs for twenty-five years, from 1969-1993, creating a football dynasty, which won state championships in 1971 and 1977; his teams won 225 games, finished as runners-up in the 1993 state championship game, appeared in three state semifinals, won sixteen district and regional titles while maintaining a winning percentage of .700, two Jaycee Bowl Championships, and finished with undefeated regular seasons eight times; and

WHEREAS, before his retirement in 1997, Coach Tucker coached over 474 games at seven different high schools and became the "Winningest Football Coach" in both Milan High School and Tennessee high school history with an overall record of 332 wins, 132 losses, and ten ties for a .711 winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, his venerated achievements have earned John Tucker many Coach of the Year honors, as well as induction into the Jackson-Madison County Sports Hall of Fame, the TSSAA Hall of Fame, the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame, and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and personal accomplishments aside, Coach Tucker is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Nancy; he is the proud father of John Wade Tucker, Jr., Sarah Morris, Mike Tucker, and Paul Tucker; and he has nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding citizen, thanking him for his singular service to the youth of our State and lauding his exemplary career as a Football Coach and Educator; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate John Wade Tucker upon his induction into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, thank him for his service to the high school football communities of the State of Tennessee, and offer him our best wishes for every happiness and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.